RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*)	Dental Department	14
	E. N. & T. Department	29

(*b*) Three days in the E. N. & T. out-patient ward and one day for operation of E. N. & T. cases. E. N. & T. cases admitted as in-patients are attended to by the specialist on all days of the week.

MR. V. T. CHACKO (*Muvattupuzha I*) : May I know from the member whether this person has been made a permanent Assistant Surgeon?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : He has been confirmed as an Assistant Surgeon.

MR. V. T. CHACKO (*Muvattupuzha I*) : Is it in preference to the seniors ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice ; I have to examine the files.

Resident Medical Officer in the General Hospital.

20. ❋**MR. V. T. CHACKO** (*Muvattupuzha I*) . Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the duties of the Resident Medical Officer in the General Hospital ;

(*b*) whether he is now in charge of the dispensary as before ;

(*c*) whether there is any one to supervise the dispensing of medicines ; and

(*d*) (i) whether the Government or the Darbar Physician received any complaint about the irregularity in the dispensing of medicines to the out-patients and (ii) if so, the action taken on such complaints ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The Resident Medical Officer is on duty throughout the day and night, except between 5 p. m. and 9 p. m. He helps the Surgeon in charge of the General Hospital in the general administration of that institution and controls the whole staff there, except his seniors in office. He supervises the sanitary conditions of the premises and buildings as also their annual up-keep. He is in charge of the Medical and Surgical equipments and prepares indents for the same. He maintains the Stock Book of Medicines, examines the hospital records such as the Diet Register, Registers of Receipts and Expenditure, etc., and also scrutinises the expenditure of drugs. He inspects diets, both raw and cooked, and regulates their proper dispensation to the patients. He attends to all emergent cases that come to the Hospital during the hours he is on duty.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes the Senior Deputy Surgeon (O. P.)

(*d*) No complaints have been received.

MR. V. T. CHACKO (*Muvattupuzha I*): May I know whether the Resident Medical Officer is allowed to have private practice ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice. I have no information.

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